

Measurement of b-bbar correlations at the LHC with ATLAS

Theodota Lagouri Institute of Particle and Nuclear Physics, Charles University, Prague

HERA-LHC Workshop III: Heavy Quarks, 11-13 October 2004, CERN



Outline

*b production measurements in hadron collisions and QCD

*ATLAS detector performance for b channels with muons;

***** Muon and $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$ reconstruction in medium p_T jet

Correlations b-bbar with exclusive channels

 $B_d \rightarrow J/\psi K_s^{\ 0}, \bar{b} \rightarrow \mu X \text{ and } B_s^{\ 0} \rightarrow J/\psi \phi, \bar{b} \rightarrow \mu X$ *Conclusions





★b production measurements offer a test of perturbative QCD.

 b-bbar correlations explicitly probe NLO terms.

Tevatron has measured b-bbar correlations which are sensitive to production mechanisms, however the precision was limited by statistics.



★ In experiments with limited statistics b-bbar correlations are measured using inclusive modes. Typical is the method of the µ-µ angle

- suffers from huge background (K/ π decays cascade decays and charm)
- demands isolation cuts e.g. on μ - μ invariant mass that degrades an acceptance in the low $\Delta \phi_{bb}$
- requires model-dependent acceptance corrections to $\Delta \phi_{\mu-\mu}$ distribution



- - A measurement from D0 of the angular correlation, $\Delta \phi_{uu}$, compared with predictions from HVQJET. The points represent the D0 data, the solid histogram the NLO prediction and the yellow band the uncertainty on that prediction. The dotted curve represents the LO prediction.



- D0 di-muon data, comparison with models NLOQCD, Semihard model, Pythia
- Limited statistics lead to choice of inclusive modes requiring isolation cuts, M(μμ)>6 GeV in μμ case, leading to bias not allowing fully explore Δφ(bb)
 rad region, as model differences are getting small after the cut.

Data and models with $M(\mu\mu) > 6 \text{ GeV}$





Baranov, Smizanska, Phys. Rev. D62, 2000

- **\star** CDF data μ -bjet, comparison with models
- Limited statistics lead to choice of inclusive modes, like bb→µ bjet requiring isolation cuts between µ and b jet. Correction to cuts required model input (NLO was used). This lead to bias not allowing fully explore Δφ(bb) < 1 rad region.</p>

PYTHIA, NLO, Semihard







b production at LHC



★ Very high rates of b quark production at LHC

- 1 % of all events are b-bbar
- High statistics of b hadron decays in ATLAS
 - ca. 10⁸ reconstructed events (3 yr, low lumi)
- Potential for high-quality measurements of b-bbar correlations

Semi-inclusive and exclusive channels (statistics 3 yrs)

Inclusive channels	Events	Exclusive channels with the same lepton content	Events
$bb \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu\mu)X+\mu$	2.8 x 10 ⁶	$bb \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu\mu)X (excl) + \mu$	2.1 x 10 ⁵
$bb \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu\mu)X+e$	3.6 x 10 ⁶	$bb \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu\mu)X (excl) + e$	2.1 x 10 ⁵
$bb \rightarrow J/\psi(ee)X+\mu$	0.6 x 10 ⁶	$bb \rightarrow J/\psi(ee)X(excl) + \mu$	0.9 x 10 ⁵

b-bbar correlations with ATLAS



- We want to investigate angular correlations in bbbar production.
- Investigating using
 - $b \rightarrow J/\psi X \rightarrow \mu \mu X$
 - $bbar \rightarrow \mu X$
 - $J/\psi \mu$ angle measurements
 - \succ Smaller backgrounds due to J/ψ constraint
- * The ATLAS detector performance is very good for these channels and provides interesting data for this type of measurements.



Full simulation studies show excellent reconstruction of muons (Muon System + Inner Detector).



ATLAS Muon Combined Reconstruction

• Efficient rejection of muons from π/K to μ











 Efficiency does not drop significantly at small Δφ<1.

 Selection cuts do not require any model dependent correction.



ATLAS b-bbar correlations in $B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \phi, \bar{b} \rightarrow \mu X$



- Background included within the event reconstruction
 - before and after application of K/π rejection
- ★ B_s⁰ is more difficult than B_d
 - correlated bgnd. from $K^{+-} \rightarrow \mu$



Conclusions I



- The high beauty production rate at LHC will allow to extend b-production measurements. Correlations between b and bbar quarks and events with more than one heavy-quark pair, bbbb, bbcc, bbss, that were difficult to access in previous experiments due to limited statistics, will be investigated in detail.
- * ATLAS can exploit the large statistics of Bhadron decays reconstructed exclusively allowing for precise b production measurements.



Conclusions II



- Good prospects for measurements of b-bbar correlations in muon channels.
- ★ In b-bbar → J/ ψ (µµ) X, J/ ψ event mass reconstruction is not degraded at b-jet even for medium momenta $p_T > 50$ GeV.
- For b-bbar correlations so far two exclusive channels were studied
 - $B_d \rightarrow J/\psi K_s^0$
 - $\ B_s{}^0 \rightarrow J/\psi \ \varphi$

looking for additional muon.

- * Need to understand b production
 - bbbb as background to Higgs decays